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IN REFERENCE TO SAFETY OF AMCIT ON SOBEK EXPEDITION,
AMERICAN EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA ETHIOPIA REPORTS FOLLOWING:
QUOTE CONSULAR OFFICER CONSIDERS TRIP SAFE AS POSSIBLE
GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCE OF TOPOGRAPHY, LIGHT AND PRIMITIVE
NATURE OF SETTLEMENT AND INHERENT DANGERS OF WHITE WATER
RAFTING. ON BARO RIVER EXPEDITION LAST YEAR, ONE PERSON
DIED WHEN RAFT CAPSIZED. GREENWALD HAS TWICE RAFTED
OMO RRIVER AS WELL AS OTHER RIVERS IN BOTH
ETHIOPIA AND THE U.S. CONSULAR OFFICER WHO HAS TAKEN
WEEKEND TRIP WITH SOBEK CONSIDERS HIM RESPONSIBLE, ABLE
LEADER. HOWEVER, EMBASSY CAN ASSUME NO RPT NO RESPONSIBI-
LITY FOR SAFETY OF AMERICAN TRAVELING ABROAD. UNQUOTE.
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